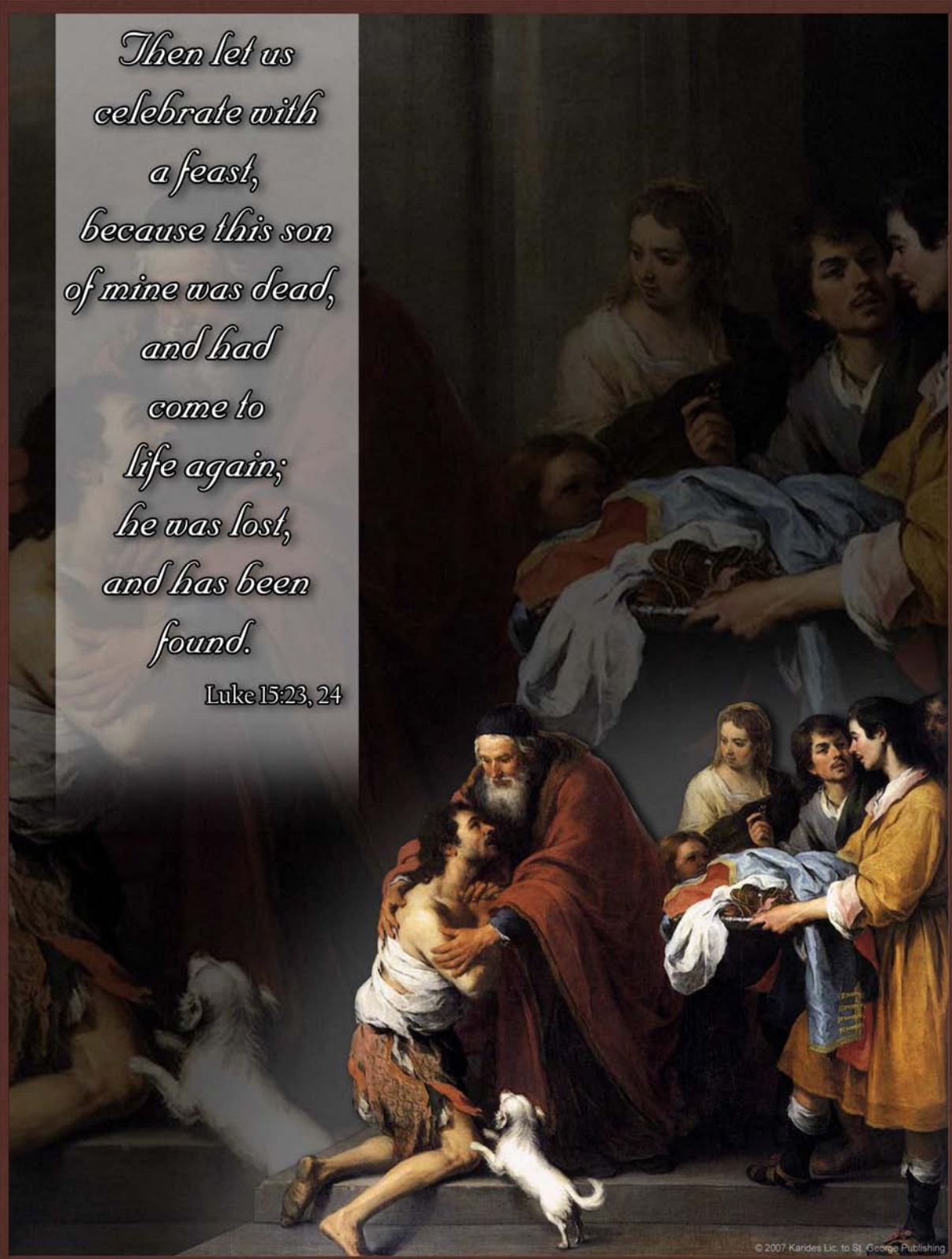


*Then let us
celebrate with
a feast,
because this son
of mine was dead,
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he was lost,
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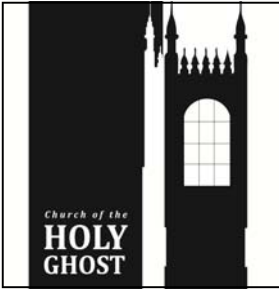
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The Fourth Sunday of Lent • March 15, 2015



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Rectory Entrance and Office Hours:

The main office entrance is the front door of the rectory on Washington Street.
Parish Office Hours
Monday through Friday
9AM to 5PM
Saturday Closed

DAILY LITURGIES

**Monday-Wednesday-Friday Mass at 9AM
At Holy Ghost**

**Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with Communion
Service on Saturdays at St. Bridget**

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES
AT HOLY GHOST**

Saturday at 4PM

Sunday Masses at 7:30AM and 10:30AM

AT SAINT BRIDGET

Saturday at 4PM

Sundays at 9AM and 12 Noon

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

As Announced

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

**Tuesdays at 7PM in the lower chapel
(confession available)**

**PERPETUAL ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

In Divine Mercy Chapel (lower church)

CONFESSION

Saturdays at 3PM or anytime by appointment

BAPTISM

**Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at
12Noon (Please arrive 15 minutes early).**

**Call the rectory (781-447-4421) to arrange
for the sacrament.**

MARRIAGE

**Please contact the rectory one year in advance.
Couples meet with the priest before a date is set.
Participation in a marriage program is required.**

MASS INTENTIONS

*For the Week of
March 14 through March 22, 2015*

Saturday, March 14, 2015

9AM (No Mass at Holy Ghost)
(Communion Service at St. Bridget)
4PM Curly Gannon (1st anniv)

Sunday, March 15, 2015

7:30AM Trudy Clancy (10th anniv)
10:30AM George Walsh (8th anniv)

Monday, March 16, 2015

9AM For all Parishioners

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

(No Mass at Holy Ghost)
9AM Mass at Saint Bridget

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

9AM Respect for all Life/End of Abortion

Thursday, March 19, 2015

(No Mass at Holy Ghost)
9AM Mass at Saint Bridget

Friday, March 20, 2015

9AM Mary Gerrish (memorial Mass)
3PM Stations of the Cross (lower church)

Saturday, March 21, 2015

9AM (No Mass at Holy Ghost)
Communion Service at Saint Bridget
4PM Donald MacKenzie (memorial Mass)

Sunday, March 22, 2015

7:30AM For all Parishioners
10:30AM A. Marie Hansen (15th anniv)

*Please remember in your prayers
Cynthia Morgan
Christine Fisher
Dennis Reilly
Cynthia Shepherd
Joseph "Jay" Marzilli*



**FAMILY ROSARY
ON MONDAY EVENINGS**

All are invited to join Deacon Bob Balzarini in a Family Rosary on Monday evenings, beginning at 7PM in the chapel at Holy Ghost.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS
SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Holy Ghost Parish lists in the bulletin the names of friends and family members from our parish who are serving in the military, so that all of us can keep them in our prayers daily, that they may return home safely. If you would like to add someone to the list, please call the rectory (781-447-4421) or email us with the information.

We'll add names as they are received.

Please keep the following service members in your prayers.



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| 2 nd Lt. Andrew Maio | Pat Torney |
| PFC Andrew Smith | Sgt. Nick Lavery |
| SO2 Ryan C. Flaherty | Sgt. Matthew McCann |
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| LCpl Derek Corkery, USMC | |
| Cpl Joseph Von George, USMC | |
| Pvt. Jordon McIntyre | Airman Samuel Clark |
| Daniel O'Donnell | Pvt. David Franey |
| Payce Thomas Berridge, USN | |



**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: COPING WITH THE
LOSS OF A SPOUSE/PARTNER**

Beacon Hospice will offer this 6-week grief support group on Monday afternoons from 1PM-2:30PM at the Beacon Hospice office, 32 Resnick Road, Plymouth. **The session begins on March 23rd. The group is free of charge and is open to anyone in the community.** No prior affiliation with hospice is necessary. Pre-registration is required by calling 508-747-7222



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a field agent for a career opportunity representing their Insurance, Annuity and Long Term care Program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information on this exciting career opportunity, please contact Michael R. Capobianco, General Agent at 781-341-1005



In addition to our normal Saturday afternoon confession times, both of our churches will be offering Confession during Lent on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held on the Fridays of Lent at both Holy Ghost and Saint Bridget's. In order to enable as many parishioners as possible to attend,

Holy Ghost will hold Stations at 3PM in the lower church so that our "seasoned parishioners who do not like driving after dark will be able to participate. **The Saint Bridget service will be held at 7PM** so that those who are working will also have the opportunity to attend.

The Stations of the Cross offer us the opportunity to meditate on Jesus' suffering and will be followed by Benediction, which is an encounter with the Eucharistic Lord. Please come and join us in these grace-filled Lenten opportunities.

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

March 8, 2015 \$5596
Fuel Fund \$2179

Thank you for your support of our parish!

ST. BRIDGET QUILTING MINISTRY

The Quilting Ministry will meet on March 20, 2015. We are making simple lap quilts for the nursing home residents. For questions or additional information about the Quilting Ministry, call Rose Perry at 781-871-7125. All are invited to join us!

CUNNIFF PINE STREET INN FOOD GROUP

The Food Group will prepare and serve the evening meal of meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes and carrots at the Pine Street Inn this weekend, March 21st. Desserts are needed and may be left at the Cardinal Spellman Center any time after 10:30AM on Saturday morning. Anyone wishing to help may contact Carol Kryzanek at 447-3761. The food group truly appreciates your support with food and monetary donations which allow us to continue our mission of feeding the homeless.



REMINDER-ST. PATRICK'S DAY IS TUESDAY

St. Bridget's is having a **\$10,000 Grand Prize Drawing** on March 17 in the Parish Hall at St. Bridget's. Tickets are still available for the raffle drawing on March 17th. **Tickets are \$100 each** and proceeds are being used to pay for repairs of the Church boiler and pipes which sprung many leaks over the past few months, and to do some long-overdue work in the Meeting room and Sacristy. Volunteers will be selling tickets at the doors of the church after each Mass today. **We need your help**—your purchase of tickets will help the church and will make you a richer person when you win!



BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM AT SAINT BRIDGET

Walking Toward Eternity: Making Choices for Today St Bridget's will offer an 8-week study entitled *Walking Toward Eternity – Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart*. The study will address struggles we all experience: shame, anger, appetites, envy, loneliness, fear, and hopelessness. Two offerings begin **Thursday March 19th at 10 AM and 7PM**. The cost is \$25. For questions please call Martha Craft at 781-878-1116.

Please print or write clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Circle session you will attend: 10AM or 7 PM

Please return as soon as possible as materials must be ordered. Make check payable to St. Bridget with "Bible Study" noted on it and return to rectory or place in offer-tory basket.

Silent Recessionals During Lent

During Lent, the Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. During this 40 day period, we refrain from singing "Gloria" or "Alleluia" at Sunday Mass because this is a period to reflect on the last days of Jesus' life, and his crucifixion and death. In this same spirit, we will observe silence during liturgical recessionals, and we invite you to leave Mass in prayerful reflection each week during Lent.

The **PROJECT RACHEL** ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends an invitation for post-abortion hope and healing through its one-day **"Come to the Waters of Healing"** retreat. Upcoming dates are **March 28 and April 25**. Retreats are limited to 10 women and are held at a confidential location. For registration information, contact Project Rachel at help@projectrachelboston.com or .508-651-3100 *Trust in the tender mercy of God!*

Live Lent Challenge –
*Will you take this daily challenge for Lent?
Instead of going to the movies, donate the money to a charity and spend the time at Perpetual Adoration.*



**PASTA DINNER/DANCE
BEING
PLANNED
FOR APRIL 25TH**

Planning continues for the dinner and dance scheduled for April 25th for all parishioners of Saint Bridget and Holy Ghost. **If you would like to help but were not able to attend the meeting last week, please call Bob Hogan at 781-874-8398.** The more helping hands we have, the lighter the task of making this a fun evening for all our collaborative parishioners.

**ALL ARE WELCOME
AT HOLY GHOST AND SAINT BRIDGET
PARISHES**

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race etc., no matter what your own self-image: you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here.
Come and join us.*



FORTY CANS FOR LENT

K of C #347's Lenten food drive for the Whitman Food Pantry, is doing very well this year, thanks to your help. During Lent, if only 500 people would participate in this program, giving one non perishable item for each day of Lent, it would yield 20,000 pounds of much need food for the pantry. Please continue helping with this effort. It embodies almsgiving to help so many who are in need. God Bless,

Knights of Columbus #347

A MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is very grateful to the Knights of Columbus for once again sponsoring the **40 Cans for Lent** food drive. As you participate in this drive, may we ask you to consider some of the much-needed food items for the pantry? We need kids' cereals, pancake mix and syrup, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, sugar and flavored oatmeal. Non-food items are also needed: razors, deodorants, shaving cream, toothpaste, paper towels and toilet paper. Thank you for all you do and for your continued generosity to our neighbors in need.

The Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church

The Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church is wide ranging and often surprising, even to devout Catholics. Deacon Chris Lowe will share his knowledge and insights of the official teachings on subjects as diverse as human rights, family, work, solidarity, war and the environment. Weekly handouts and a CD with all the official documents of the Church in this subject area will be provided. Mark your calendars. Please join Deacon Chris on Saturday, March 21, at St. Bridget's for the 3rd session at 10:00 a.m. The 4th Session will take place on the following Saturday, March 28, at Holy Ghost in Fr. Glennon Hall at 10:00 a.m.

**2015 CATHOLIC APPEAL
LIVING OUR FAITH TOGETHER**

Last week, our parish launched the 2015 Catholic Appeal. Thanks to all of you who have given so generously to support our parish. Your generosity helps us live our faith together as we seek to better embody the Gospel message in our lives. If you were unable to make your pledge at Mass last week, please take a pledge form from the back of the church or make a gift or pledge online at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayers and support and for helping us meet our parish goal.

Dear Parishioners of the Collaborative,

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called “*Laetare*” or “Rejoice” Sunday. The priests and deacons wear rose-colored vestments rather than purple ones, and the readings talk about the kindness and mercy of God. The Gospel reading from Saint John contains one of the most quoted sentences from the New Testament: “*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life*” (3:16). God is the loving Father who will not be satisfied, will not rest until all his children are safely home. He loves the unlovable and the unlovely; the lonely and forgotten; the sick and abandoned; those who cooperate with his grace, and those who refuse to cooperate with his grace; the greatest saint and the worst sinner. All these people, and more, are included in the boundless love of God. As Saint Augustine put it centuries ago: “God loves each one of us, as if there were only one of us to love.” Even if you were the only, single, human being left on earth, God would have still sent his Son, and that Son would have died on the cross just to redeem you. That’s how much he loves you! That fact alone should cause us to rejoice on this Laetare Sunday. Try, if you would, to share that type of love with those in your life. Invite a family member or neighbor or friend to come to Church with you to experience that incredible love.

Last Saturday the children in Grade 2 at Holy Ghost received their First Penance. They experienced the great love of God through reconciliation. They were all very good sinners! Think about receiving the Sacrament yourself! Please keep them and the Grade 2 Students at St. Bridget’s in prayer as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist this spring.

Deacon Chris Lowe, our Seminarian, is offering “The Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church” to our Collaborative. Even though the first 2 meetings have already taken place, please join Deacon Chris next Saturday, March 21, at St. Bridget’s for the 3rd session at 10:00 a.m. The 4th Session will take place on the following Saturday, March 27, at Holy Ghost in Fr. Glennon Hall at 10:00 a.m.

St. Patrick’s Day is THIS Tuesday, March 17. St. Bridget’s is having a \$10,000 Grand Prize Drawing in the Parish Hall at St. Bridget’s. Wine, cheese and crackers will be served. The proceeds are being used to pay for the repairs of the Church boiler and pipes which sprung many leaks over the past few months, and to do some long-overdue work in the Meeting room and Sacristy.

There are many tickets that need to be sold, please purchase yours this weekend. Feel free to attend the Drawing on Tuesday, March 17th and enjoy some fellowship, food and the possibility to walk away a winner while at the same time supporting the renovation efforts.

The 2015 Catholic Appeal began last weekend. We heard a homily from Cardinal Seán. The Catholic Appeal is to the Archdiocese what the Offertory is to the Parish. Please be generous when making your pledge. Feel free to place your Pledge Envelope in the Offertory this weekend or at either Rectory this week.

Please look to other parts of today’s Bulletin for the Schedules for our Friday Stations of the Cross in both parishes and other Lenten activities including a Bible Study. Know also that Confessions will be heard on Wednesdays during the season of Lent from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in both of our Churches in addition to our regular time on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

*Let us pray for each other. God bless,
Father Mahoney*

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ON MARCH 28TH

The Knights of Columbus Council 347 will hold their semi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, March 28th, 2015 from 9am-2pm at the K of C Hall, 1195 Bedford Street, Whitman
For information on an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-488-3543)

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT DATES

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Trust in the tender mercy of God!

St. Joseph Retreat Center in Cohasset has an opening for a Dishwasher/Dining Room Assistant, part-time For information, call the Retreat Center at 781-383-6024 X218 or email at retreat.center@csjboston.org

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